

Peg-Intron Access Procedures for ADAP Clients
California

“Commitment to Community Program”
Schering-Plough

Through a national program to provide ***free access to hepatitis C treatment*** for ADAP clients, California has been allocated 169 treatment slots for co-infected ADAP clients. Clients must enroll in the program no later than December 31, 2005 and can receive treatment for up to one year.

In order to access free hepatitis C treatment, the following is the process for enrollment in Schering-Plough’s “Commitment to Community Program:”

1. California ADAP client, pharmacy, or physician contacts **Ramsell at (888) 311-7632** to request Peg-Intron (pegylated interferon). The automated system will answer and provide options. Select “Provider Support Services” (#3) and ask for information on enrolling in the free Peg-Intron program.
2. Ramsell staff will obtain the prescribing clinician fax number and fax the Peg-Intron referral form to the clinician (form will include contact info for patient and MD).
3. Clinician will fax completed form back to Ramsell at (800) 848-6465.
4. Upon receipt of the referral form, Ramsell staff verifies client ADAP eligibility.
5. If the client is ADAP eligible, a unique authorization ID number is assigned to the client, documented on the form along with the ADAP ID number and the form is faxed to the clinician and Schering-Plough, the manufacturer of Peg-Intron.
6. The clinician will give the unique authorization ID number to the client.
7. The client contacts Schering-Plough with their unique ID and ADAP ID number.
8. ADAP ID number and mailing address is matched and verified by Schering-Plough using the referral form before the initial dispensing.
9. Schering-Plough is then authorized to dispense drug for the duration of the treatment (up to 12 months) upon prescription by the physician. The medication will be mailed to the client, the physician or the pharmacy of the client’s choice.
10. For additional information, please contact Ms. Celia Banda-Brown, AIDS Drug Assistance Program, Office of AIDS, at (916) 449-5943, cbandabr@dhs.ca.gov.